



2013-2014 Course Code and Clearing Endorsement Document (Version 4.1.1)

2013-2014 Course Code List (pdf)

2013-2014 Course Codes and Clearing Endorsement (Excel)

Updated July 30

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov or 888-285-0556)

Updated versions have been posted on the NSSRS Resources page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs> and are found under the Program Specific Information.



2013-14 Staff ID Application and Staff ID User Guide – Updated July 26

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

An update has been released for the NSSRS Staff ID system, the Staff Search page now includes the ability to search for staff that have been reported at a specified location in NSSRS Staff Reporting. The Staff ID User Guide has also been updated to reflect this change. You can find these instruction documents on the NSSRS Resources page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs>



Sixpence Grants: Applications due October 9, 2013

Contact: Nebraska Children and Families Foundation; 402-476-9401.

Applications are open for a second round of grant to develop new programs or expand existing programs designed to serve children birth to age 3 at risk of failing in school. Eligible applicants are public school districts or cooperatives of districts with at least one community partner. Application information is on the web at <http://www.singasongofsixpence.org>



Notification of Comment Period for Civil Rights Data Collection.

In the past, the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) was a sample collection from districts across the states biennially. For 2011-2012 the CRDC was a universe collection which means the Office of Civil Rights collected data from all school districts in the United States. Some districts in Nebraska had never participated in this data collection and experienced difficulty pulling the data together because staff didn't know what the CRDC was collecting until they received notification of the survey. Now that Districts have been through the data collection once, we thought you might want an opportunity to comment on upcoming the changes to the CRDC for 2013-2014 and 2015-2016. **All comments must be submitted on or before August 20, 2013.** Essentially, this means districts are commenting on the federal survey that will need to be completed in the 2013-2014 school year.

Two links accepting comments: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/06/21/2013-14783/agency-information-collection-activities-comment-request-mandatory-civil-rights-data-collection> or <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=ED-2013-ICCD-0079-0001>. District personnel may want to review the attachments to review what the Office of Civil Rights is collecting and any changes that have been made since the last data collection.

This is an opportunity to have your voice heard, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) posts federal data collections for comment as they review requests for approval of data collections. Depending on whatever

happens with the CRDC for 2013-2014, NDE will research the opportunities to support districts in the submission to the CRDC, we know that currently the data NDE can provide is a minimal part of the data requested in the CRDC.



NSSRS Data Manager and NSSRS Validation

Unavailable Beginning August 1 (Updated dates)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov or 888-285-0556)

NSSRS Data Manager and NSSRS Validation will be offline beginning Thursday, August 1 for scheduled upgrades. These applications should be available again beginning August 13.



2013-2014 NSSRS Calendar – Updated July 22

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov or 888-285-0556)

The 2013-2014 NSSRS Calendar has been updated and is now available on the NSSRS Resources page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs>

Updates have been made to the Staff Reporting section. We have added an AUDIT WINDOW for the September 15 and June 16 DUE DATES.



2013-2014 Staff Instruction Manual – Updated June 16

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov or 888-285-0556)

The 2013-2014 Staff Instruction Manual - Version 3.1.0 June 16, 2013 has been posted on the NSSRS Resources page <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs>



GMS: 2013-2014 Early Childhood State Grant - Due August 5

Contact: Linda Meyers (linda.meyers@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2980)

The 2013-2014 Early Childhood State Grant application is due Monday, August 5. This grant is only available to specified districts/ESUs for continuation of current grants.



Summer School Supplement in the Consolidated Data Collection – Open August 1

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The Summer School Supplement will open in the CDC on August 1. **This collection is due on August 15.** At the end of each regular school term the Nebraska Department of Education collects the attendance data for each school district and system in Nebraska. State total ADA is reported to the U.S. Department of Education and is used in formulas for allocating federal entitlement for Title 1, Impact Aid, Indian Education and other federal programs.

The federal government requires that the total aggregate days of attendance for summer school be added to the total aggregate days of attendance for the regular school term to provide the **numerator** for the calculation of state Average Daily Attendance (ADA). The **denominator** for this calculation is the average number of days in session during the regular school year. In this collection, Districts will report the total Prorated Days of Attendance for their Summer School Program. Only Public Districts are required to complete this form.



2013-14 ESEA/NCLB Allocations

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov – 402-471-1740)

District allocations have been posted on the NDE Federal Programs webpage for Title I-A, Title I-D, Title II-A, Title III-LEP, and Title III-IE. <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html>

Districts may use the listed allocations to plan their budgets for the 2013-14 school year. An opening date for the ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application has not yet been determined. Information will be posted in the NDE Bulletin and emailed to Public District Superintendents and ESU Administrators when an opening date is known.



High Ability Learners (HAL) – NDE Portal Collection - Open August 1 - Due September 3

Contact: Mary Duffy (402-471-0737 or mary.duffy@nebraska.gov)

High Ability Learners (HAL) 13-14 Applications for Base Only and Base and Matching Funds AND 12-13 Budget and Year-End Reports; due no later than 11:59 PM, September 3. HAL is an online submission under the Data Collection tab in the NDE Portal. The collection will close at that time and only those reports entered will be considered for HAL grants.



New Superintendents – 2013-14 School Year

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

If your district/system has a new Superintendent for the 2013-14 school year, please have them contact the NDE Helpdesk to get set up on the NDE Portal as the new District Administrator for your District. The new District Administrator will need to add the district admin activation code specific to the district. The previous District Admin will also need to be removed. The Helpdesk can also provide them with information on where instructions are located for the District Administrator Responsibilities and assigning activation codes.



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal. Note, the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) will be released to the public in August without the graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

Date	Activity
July 12, 2013	2013 SOSR Preview Opens with data from End-of-Year NSSRS reports.
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results released to public (district and school level data only)
August 13, 2013	Preliminary AYP results on the 2013 SOSR Preview for 30 day review
August 13, 2013	NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated) on 2013 SOSR Preview
August 27, 2013	NePAS in 2013 SOSR Preview without graduation data or ranking
Sept. 13, 2013 *	Last day AYP appeals will be accepted
Sept. 18, 2013 *	AYP results final on SOSR Preview

	PLAS notification to districts will take place on or before this date.
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
Nov. 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Drop-out data added to SOSR

* Updated information 6/25/13



NeSA-RMS Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Assessment data are being prepared for release to school districts and to the public. Schedule below. Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>

NeSA READING and MATH	
NeSA Reading, Math, and Science School and District Results released to public. Subgroup information remains embargoed until the release of the State of the Schools Report	August 13

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

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We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

How to contact the NDE Helpdesk

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of these options. If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

All requests are answered in the order they are received.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

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